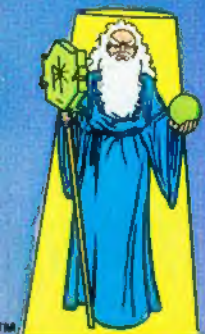


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**THE FINAL  
FLIGHT OF  
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# WINGS

## QUEST OF THE FOUR TALISMANS: PART TWO

HIGH IN THE MOUNTAINS OF EAST REGALIA, NORTH OF NEW VALARAK, THE UNFAMILIAR ROAR OF MIGHTY ENGINES DISTURBS THE DAY AS TWO SPECTRAL KNIGHTS GUIDE THE MYSTIC CAPTURE CHARIOT THROUGH A DARK AND NARROW RAVINE...

KEEP YOUR EYE ON OUR SPIRIT GUIDE, FERYL.

MERKLYN SAID IT WOULD LEAD US TO THE SECOND OF THE FOUR MAGIC TALISMANS-- BUT ONLY IF WE DON'T LOSE IT IN THESE REMOTE CANYONS.

AFTER THE CANNAGE MOST PEOPLE MOVED TO THE VALLEYS AND PLAINS--IT'S LIKE A GHOST TOWN UP HERE.

I WONDER WHAT WE'LL FIND IN THESE LONELY HILLS, SO FAR FROM CIVILIZATION?

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WELL, IF YOU'D LIKE,  
I COULD CAST MY SPELL OF  
KNOWLEDGE AND FIND OUT--

NO  
THANKS.



MERKLYN HAS BEEN  
SO MYSTERIOUS  
ABOUT THE REASON  
FOR THIS QUEST,  
I'D JUST AS SOON  
BE SURPRIS--

**RUMMMMBLE**

HOONS OF  
ARYSMOS!



SIMULTANEOUSLY,  
ON A PEAK ABOVE--

"BY NATURE'S  
HAND, BY CRAFTS,  
BY ART..."

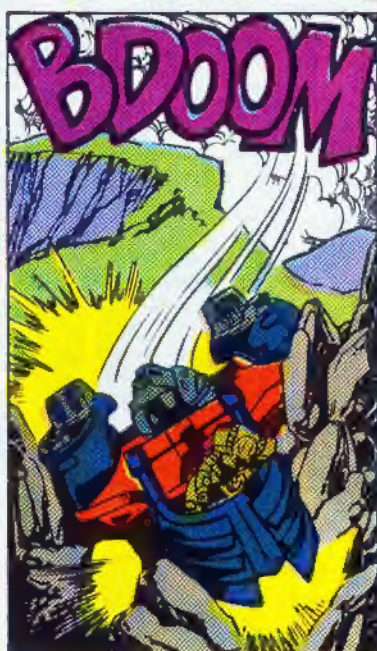
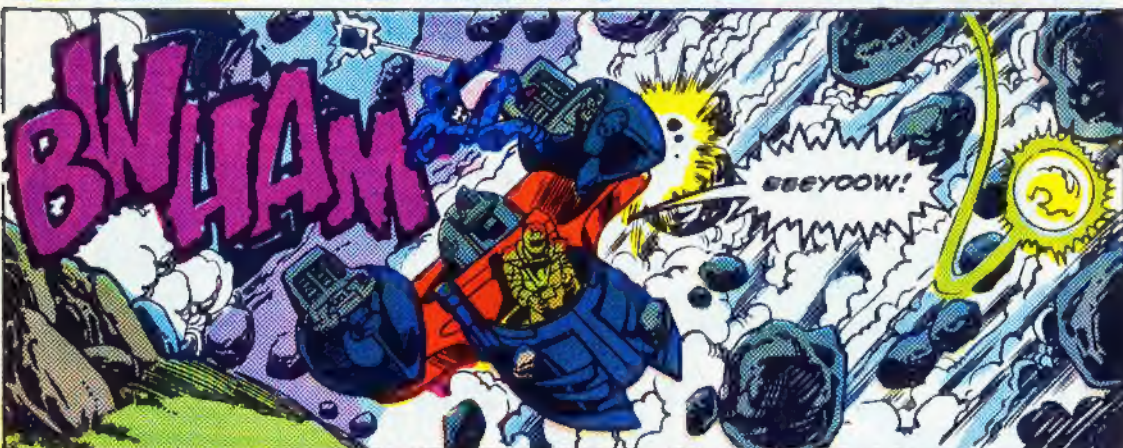
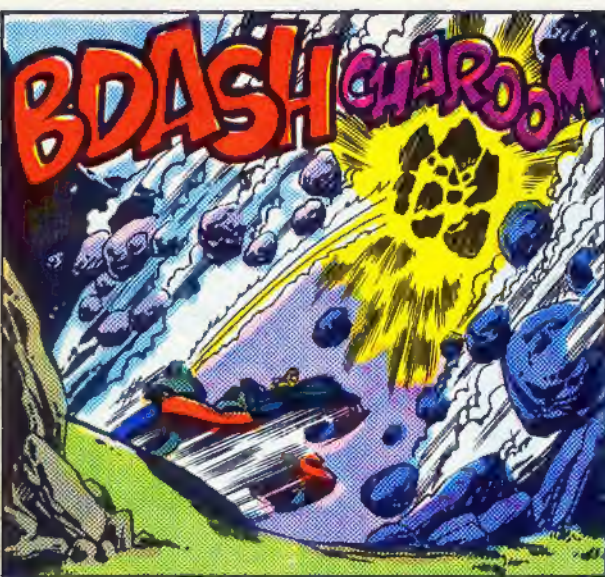
"-- WHAT ONCE  
WAS ONE, NOW  
FLY APART!"

**SKREE**

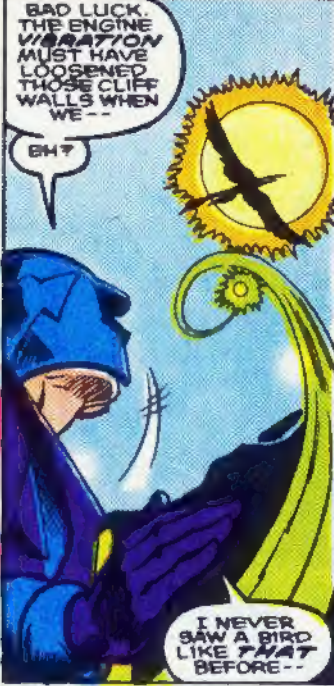
LOVELY,  
CINDARRA!

CRUSH  
THEM LIKE  
THE BUGS  
THEY ARE!









BAD LUCK. THE ENGINE VIBRATION MUST HAVE LOOSENED THOSE CLIFF WALLS WHEN WE--

EH?

I NEVER SAW A BIRD LIKE THAT BEFORE--



--AND IT SEEMS TO HAVE ATTRACTED OUR SPIRIT GUIDE.

FERYL CAN YOU HANDLE THE REPAIRS ALONE?

UH, SURE.



GOOD. I WANT TO INVESTIGATE THIS, AND THE BEST WAY TO DO IT IS IN MY ANIMAL PERSONA.

I'LL BE BACK BY SUNSET.

SKRAAWWK!~

"CINDARR, LOOK-- ARZON HAS CHANGED TO HIS EAGLE PERSONA.



"HE AND HIS GUIDE ARE PURSUING THAT STRANGE BIRD."



I HAVE EYES, VIRULINA.

YOU DON'T NEED TO INFORM ME OF THE OBVIOUS.

DON'T I?

WHY ARE WE HERE, FOOL?



TO FIND THE SECOND ELEMENTAL TALISMAN BEFORE THE SPECTRAL KNIGHTS DO.

WELL, GUIDE? WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

SKREEE

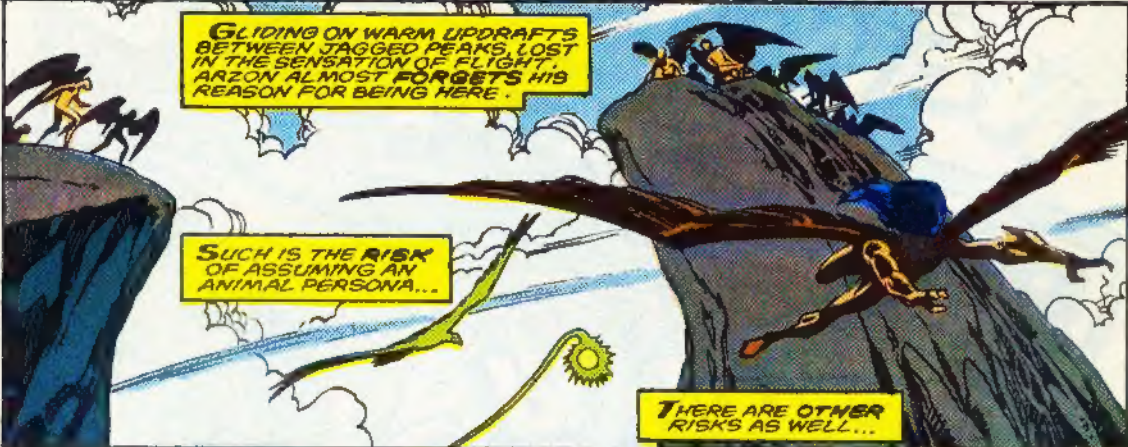


THE KNIGHTS GET A LIGHT BALL TO GUIDE THEM-- WE GET A LIZARD-BAT.

SOMETIMES I WONDER IF MERKLYN DOES TAKE SIDES BETWEEN US AFTER ALL.

LET HIM. ONCE WE HAVE THE MAGIC JEWELS, THAT OLD WIZARD WON'T MATTER ANY MORE.





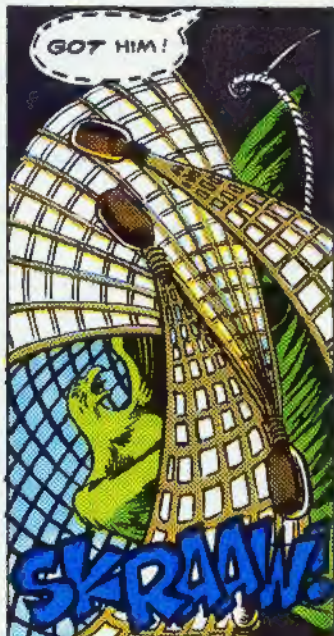
GLIDING ON WARM UPDRAFTS  
BETWEEN TAGGED PEAKS, LOST  
IN THE SENSATION OF FLIGHT,  
ARZON ALMOST FORGETS HIS  
REASON FOR BEING HERE.

SUCH IS THE RISK  
OF ASSUMING AN  
ANIMAL PERSONA...

THERE ARE OTHER  
RISKS AS WELL...



NOW!  
THROW  
THE  
NET!



GOT HIM!



BIG  
ONE  
ISN'T  
HE?

ICARA  
BROUGHT US  
A FINE  
CATCH THIS  
TIME!



WE'LL EAT WELL  
TONIGHT, THANKS  
TO HER.

UHHH...  
HEAVIER  
THAN HE  
LOOKS...



WHAT  
THE--?

WHERE  
IN THE NAME  
OF AVITRIX  
DID HE COME  
FROM?

LORD  
AYRIE WILL  
WANT TO SEE  
THIS!



**ELSEWHERE:**

IN THE MYSTIC  
SANCTUARY OF THE  
WIZARD MERKLYN  
DEEP WITHIN IRON  
MOUNTAIN...



...A MAN GROWN WEAK  
WITH MORE THAN AGE  
WATCHES THE IMAGES  
IN HIS MAGICAL  
POOL...



...AND SEEMS TO GROW EVEN  
WEAKER AS HE SLOWLY  
TURNS AWAY.

THEY MUST  
HURRY.



ALREADY THE  
WEAKNESS  
IS UPON ME.

I MUST  
HAVE THOSE  
FOUR ELEMENTAL  
JEWELS BEFORE  
THE COMING OF  
THE SUMMER  
SOLSTICE--

-- ELSE I FADE LIKE  
A DIM MEMORY, A  
FORGOTTEN DREAM.



I TOLD SPECTRAL  
KNIGHTS AND  
DARKLING LORDS  
ALIKE ONLY PART  
OF THE TRUTH  
ABOUT THE  
TALISMAN  
JEWELS.



TRUE, EACH IS A  
SOURCE OF TREMENDOUS  
POWER.

TRUE, TOGETHER  
THEY COULD MAKE  
THEIR OWNER  
UNDEFEATABLE.

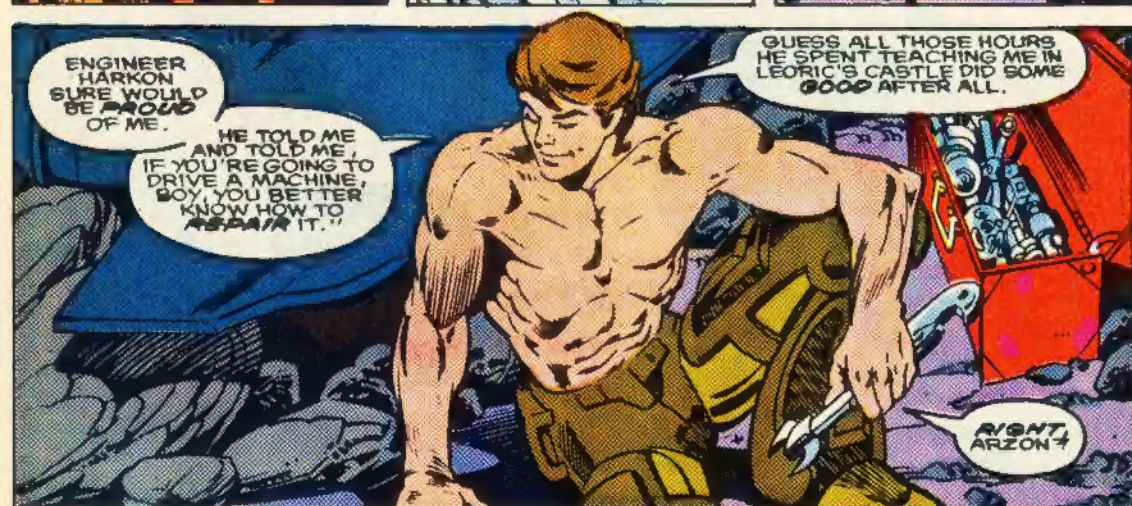


BUT MORE THAN  
THIS, THE JEWELS  
ARE MY ONLY HOPE  
OF SURVIVAL...

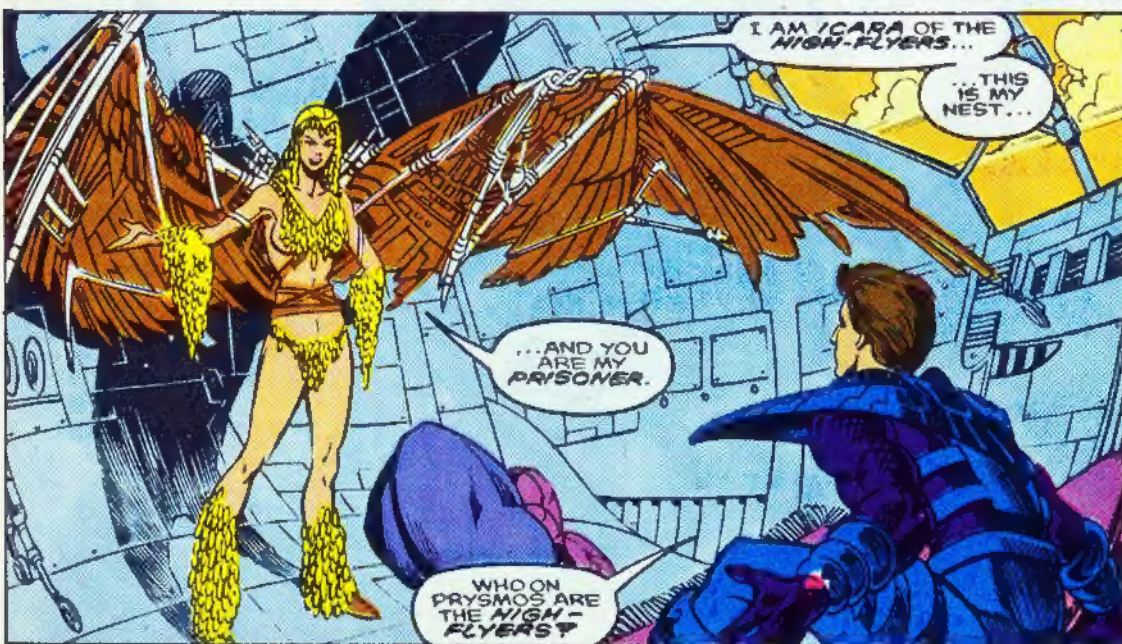
EH?













WE ARE GROUNDLING.  
THE HIGH-FLYERS OF  
AVITRIX.

WE ARE THE  
CHOSEN ONES.  
THE HIGHEST  
OF THE HIGH.

WELL, GOOD  
FOR YOU...

YOU MOCK  
ME--BUT  
LOOK ABOUT  
YOU, FOOT-  
DRAGGER.

SEE  
HOW WE  
LIVE--

--FAR ABOVE  
ALL MORTAL  
CONCERNS AND  
UNTOUCHED BY  
THE TROUBLES OF  
THE LOWER  
LANDS.

BY THE  
SEVEN  
MOONS...



ICARA, THESE WINGS  
YOU AND YOUR  
PEOPLE WEAR CAN'T BE  
AERODYNAMICALLY  
STABLE -- HOW DO  
YOU FLY?



DOES IT HAVE  
ANYTHING TO DO  
WITH THAT LIGHT  
ON THE PEAK  
ACROSS THE  
VALLEY?



I NOTICE  
YOUR FOLK FLY  
HIGHER AND  
STRONGER WHEN  
NEAR IT

THAT "LIGHT" IS THE  
CRYSTAL OF FLIGHT,  
DISCOVERED BY MY  
FATHER LORD AVRIE  
SHORTLY AFTER THE  
GREAT CHANGES.

ITS LIGHT POWERS  
OUR WINGS, AND IT IS  
PROVE WE ARE THE  
CHOSEN ONES.



IT'S MORE THAN  
POWER, ICARA

YOUR CRYSTAL  
IS A TALISMAN  
OF TREMENDOUS  
MYSTIC POWER--  
AND A TARGET  
OF EVIL MEN  
CALLED THE  
DARLINGS  
LORDS.



THEY'LL TRY  
TO STEAL IT--

LET THEM TRY.  
WE ARE PROTECTED  
BY THE GODS.

ICARA,  
LISTEN--  
YOU'LL  
NEED  
HELP

MAKE  
A DEAL  
WITH THE  
SPECTRAL  
KNIGHTS  
AND WE  
CAN--

MA



WE ARE THE HIGH-  
FLYERS, MUD-CRAWLER.

WE DON'T HAVE TO  
DEAL WITH ANYONE--  
LEAST OF ALL A  
WINKING CRITTEL  
LIKE YOU.



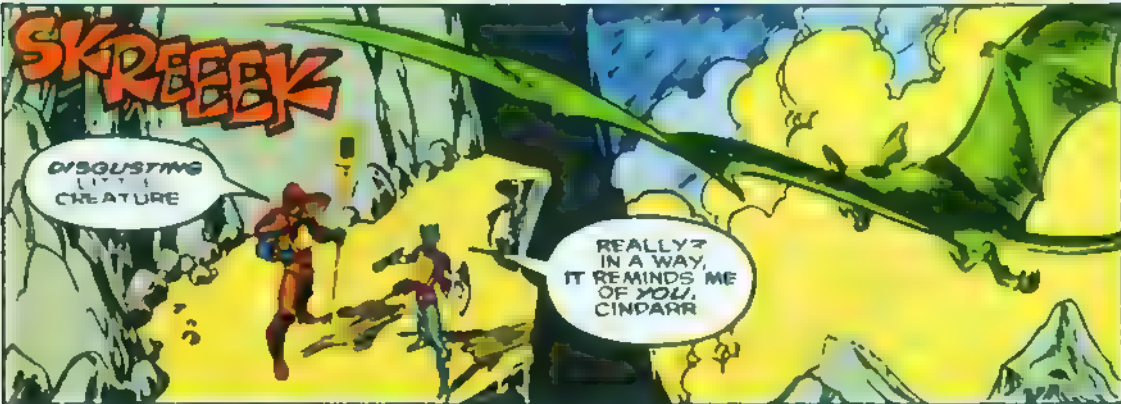




ARROGANT LITTLE --  
HAPPEN LIKE AN  
HEIRTY -- I AM  
FLYING LIKE A FALL  
IF THEY REALLY  
THINK THEY ARE  
ABOVE THE REST  
OF THE WORLD

I COULD CHANGE TO  
MY EAGLE PERSONA  
AND FLY OFF, BUT I WON'T  
LEAVE WITHOUT MY  
STAFF.

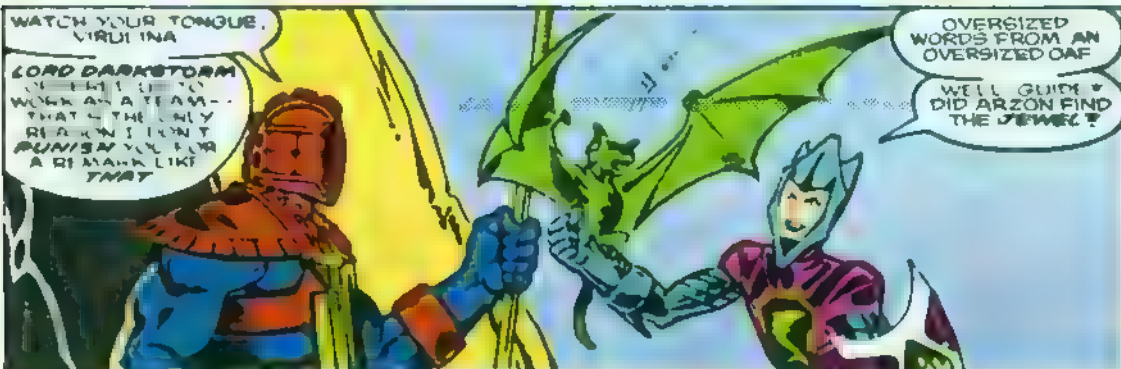
HE'S TRYING TO  
ME  
THE SITUATION HERE IS  
GOING TO CHANGE  
AND SOON...



SKREEEK

DISGUSTING  
LITTLE  
CREATURE

REALLY?  
IN A WAY,  
IT REMINDS ME  
OF YOU,  
CINDARR

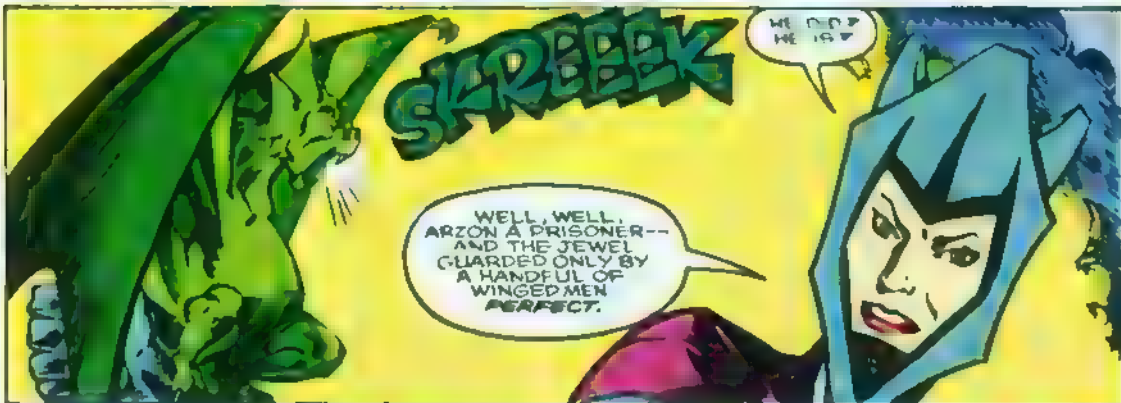


WATCH YOUR TONGUE,  
VIRULINA

LORD DARKSTORM  
OF THE  
WORK AS A TEAM --  
THAT'S THE ONLY  
REASON I DON'T  
RUN AWAY FOR  
A REMARK LIKE  
THAT

OVERSIZED  
WORDS FROM AN  
OVERSIZED OAF

WE'LL GUIDE  
DID ARZON FIND  
THE JEWEL?

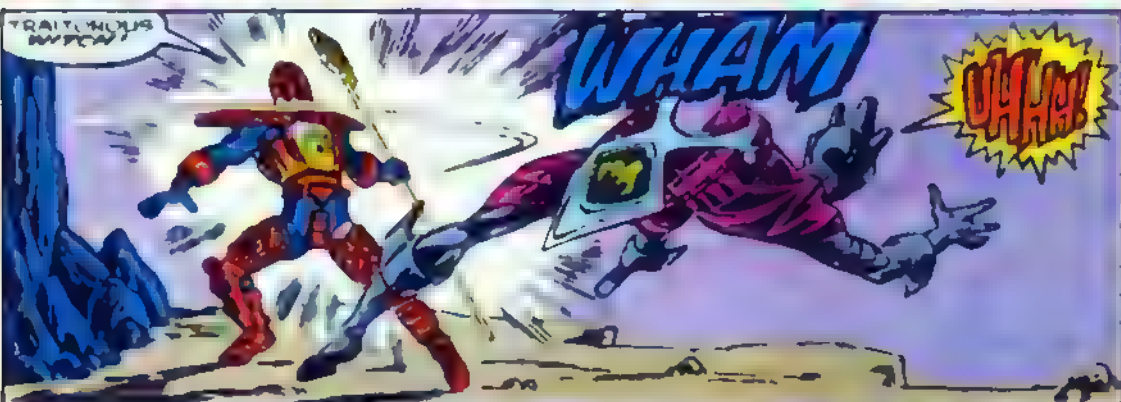
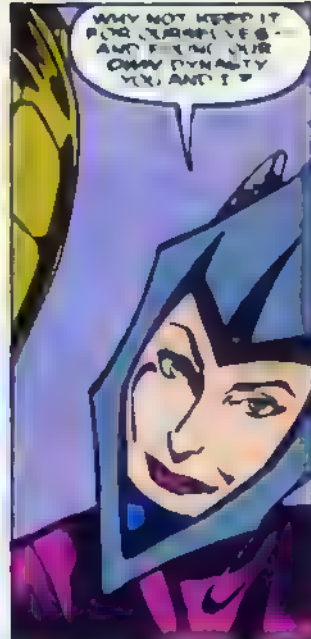
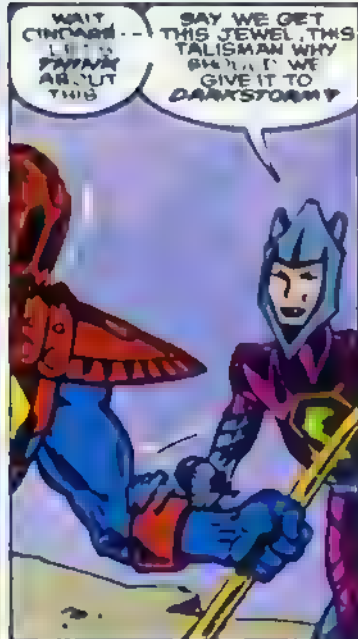


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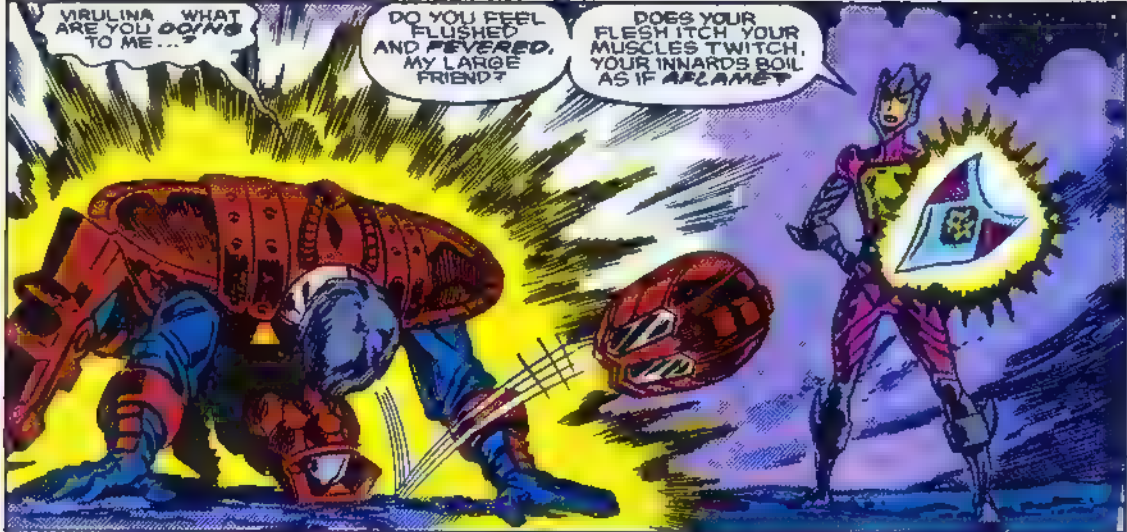
HE DID  
HE IS

WELL, WELL,  
ARZON A PRISONER --  
AND THE JEWEL  
GUARDED ONLY BY  
A HANDFUL OF  
WINGED MEN  
PERFECT.





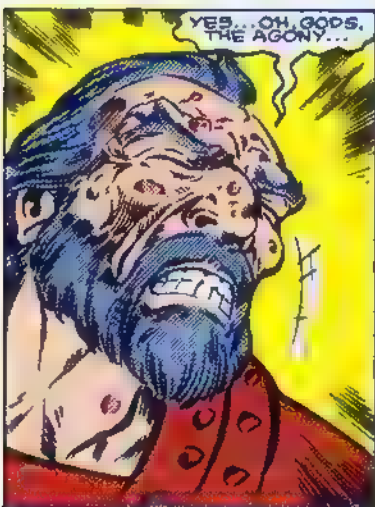




VIRULINA WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME...

DO YOU FEEL FLUSHED AND FEVERED, MY LARGE FRIEND?

DONES YOUR FLESH ITCH, YOUR MUSCLES TWITCH, YOUR INNARDS BOIL AS IF ARLAMEY



YES... OH, GODS, THE AGONY...



FWS IS MY POWER, CINDARR, MY GIFT FROM WIZARD MERKLYN.

THE POWER OF DISEASE.

WHO IS STRONG NOW, LITTLE MAN?

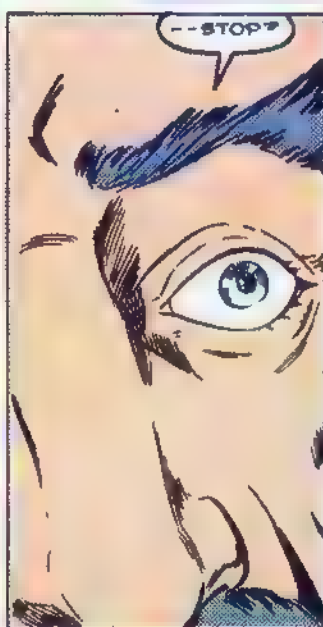


YOU ARE VIRULINA...

... MAKE IT STOP



... PLEASE... MAKE IT...



--STOP?



MOONS OF PRYSMOB, I'M WHOLE AND HEALTHY AGAIN!

NO ILLUSION, CINDARR HAD I NOT INTERVENED, DEATH WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED IN AN HOUR, PERHAPS LESS

WAS IT NOTHING BUT AN ILLUSION?

LET'S FORGET OUR ANGRY WORDS, SHALL WE? ALL THAT TALK ABOUT DARKSTORM... WAS JUST FAKE.

WHATEVER YOU SAY, VIRULINA.

BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET, AND SOMEDAY...



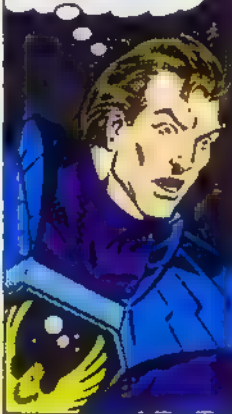
**DAWN IN THE CITY OF  
HIGH-FLYERS:**

**FOR ARZON, THE  
NIGHT HAS BEEN LONG,  
FILLED WITH DREAMS  
MOST STRANGE...**



**BUT THE WAKING  
REALITY THAT  
GREET'S HIM IS FAR  
STRANGER.**

**EVERYTHING'S  
SO SILENT. NO  
SOUND OF WINGS.  
NO VOICES... I  
WONDER WHAT--**



**HIS THOUGHTS  
FREEZE.**

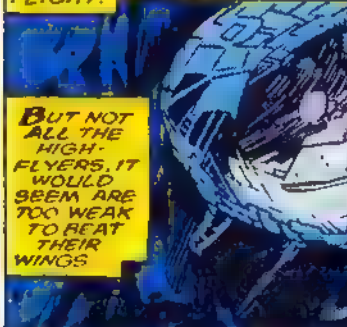


**FLOATING ABOVE HIM,  
CONTORTED IN AGONY,  
THE HIGH FLYERS OF  
AVITRIX DRIFT SILENTLY  
LIKE SICKENED FISH IN  
AN AQUARIUM...**

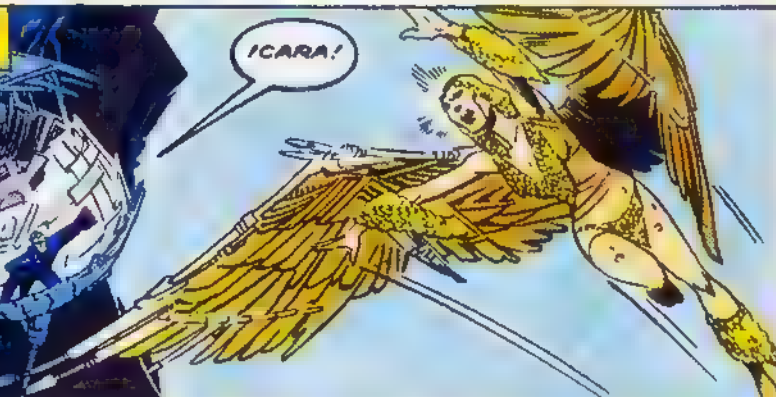


**TOO  
WEAK  
TO  
FLY...**

**... AND YET UNABLE TO SINK  
BECAUSE OF THE MYSTIC  
ENERGY THAT GIVES THEM  
FLIGHT.**



**BUT NOT  
ALL THE  
HIGH-  
FLYERS, IT  
WOULD  
SEEM ARE  
TOO WEAK  
TO BEAT  
THEIR  
WINGS**



**ICARA!**



**IT HURTS.**

**MY BODY  
BURNS...**



**MY SKIN  
IS ON FIRE...**

**GROUNDLING,  
WHAT IS  
HAPPENING  
TO US?**



**I DON'T  
KNOW,  
ICARA.**

**BUT IF I HAD MY  
STAFF, I COULD  
CAST THE SPELL OF  
KNOWLEDGE--FIND  
THE CAUSE AND  
THE CURE!**





TAKE ME TO MY STAFF-- LET ME HELP YOU!

NO WE ARE THE **WIGAM FLYERS**...

WE NEED NO HELP FROM MUD-CRAWLERS

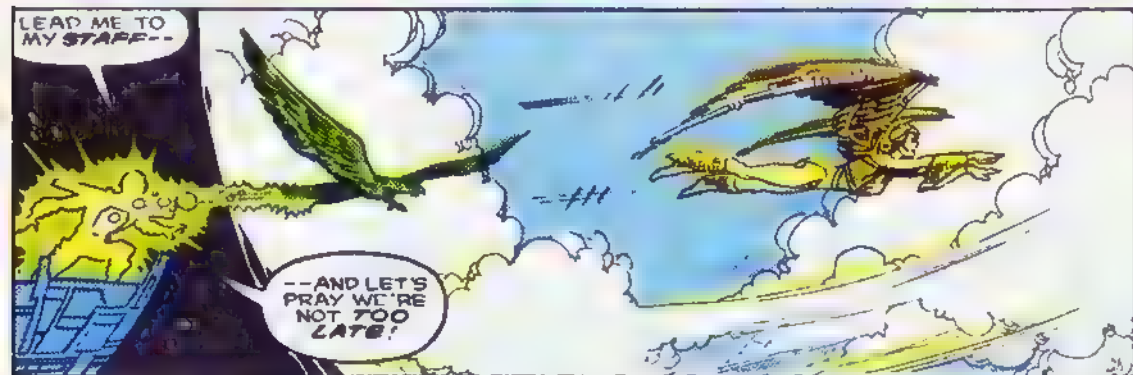


ARE YOU **INSANE**? IS YOUR PRIDE SO IMPORTANT YOU'D RATHER **DIE** THAN ADMIT YOU'RE **NEEDING** ME!

YES... NO.

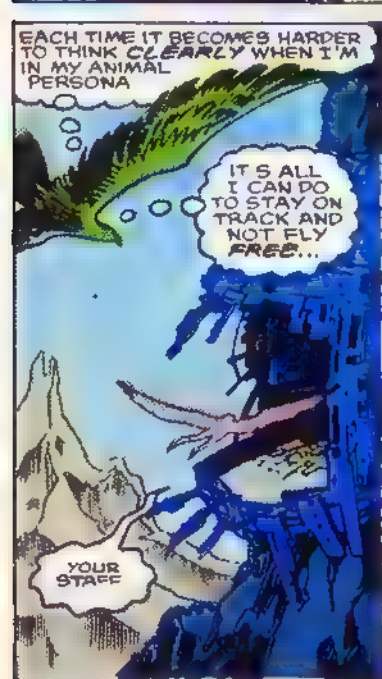


...HELP US...



LEAD ME TO MY STAFF--

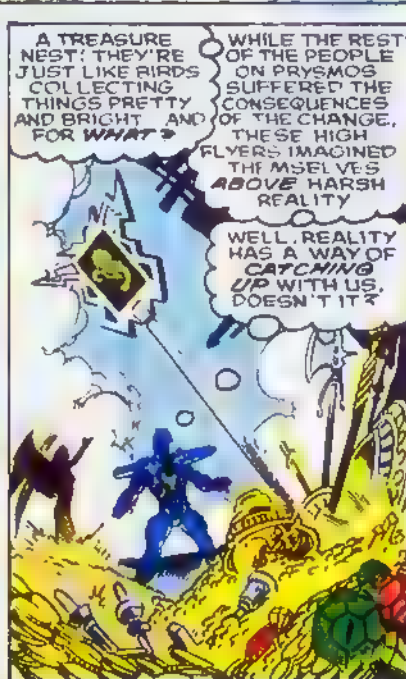
--AND LET'S PRAY WE'RE NOT TOO LATE!



EACH TIME IT BECOMES HARDER TO THINK **CLEARLY** WHEN I'M IN MY ANIMAL PERSONA

IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO STAY ON TRACK AND NOT FLY **FREE**...

YOUR STAFF



A TREASURE NEST! THEY'RE JUST LIKE BIRDS COLLECTING THINGS PRETTY AND BRIGHT AND FOR **WHAT**?

WHILE THE REST OF THE PEOPLE ON PRYSMOS SUFFERED THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHANGE, THESE HIGH FLYERS IMAGINED THEMSELVES ABOVE HARSH REALITY

WELL, REALITY HAS A WAY OF **CATCHING UP** WITH US, DOESN'T IT?



STAFF OF POWER, GIVE ME KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT SICKENS THESE PEOPLE-- AND HOW THEY MAY BE **CURED**!

"A WHIM, A THOUGHT, AND MORE IS SOUGHT..."

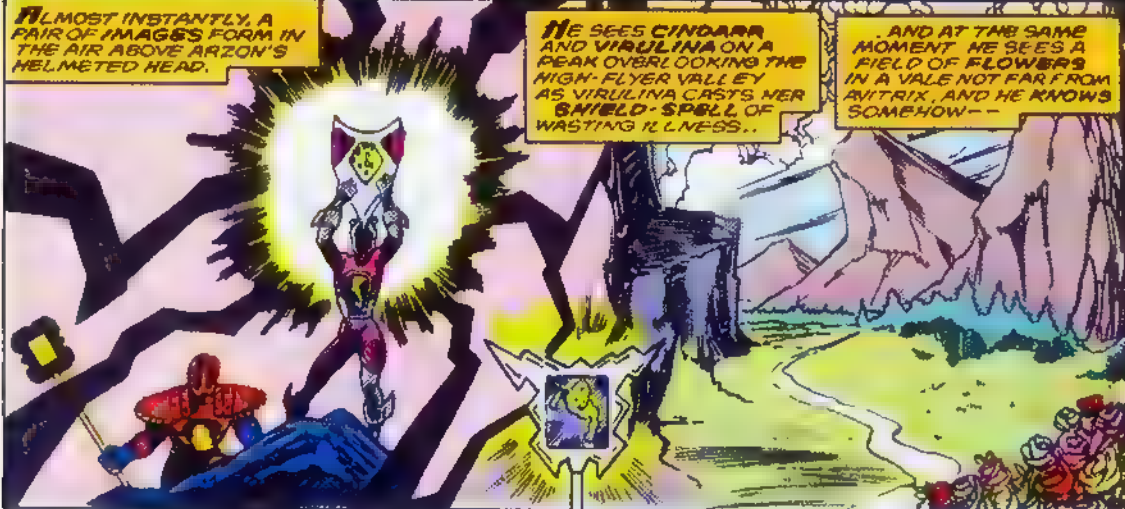
"AWAKE MY MIND, THY WILL BE WROUGHT!"



ALMOST INSTANTLY, A PAIR OF IMAGES FORM IN THE AIR ABOVE ARZON'S HELMETED HEAD.

HE SEES CINDARR AND VIRULINA ON A PEAK OVERLOOKING THE HIGH-FLYER VALLEY AS VIRULINA CASTS HER SHIELD-SPELL OF WASTING ILLNESS..

..AND AT THE SAME MOMENT HE SEES A FIELD OF FLOWERS IN A VALE NOT FAR FROM AVITRIX.. AND HE KNOWS SOMEHOW--



-- THOSE BLOSSOMS ARE THE CURE, ICARA

WE'LL NEED A SACK TO HOLD THEM, AND I'LL NEED YOUR HELP-- I CAN'T CARRY MUCH IN MY EAGLE PERSONA.

ANYTHING



WHY DO YOU... AID US GROUNDLING... AFTER I TREATED YOU SO CRUELLY?

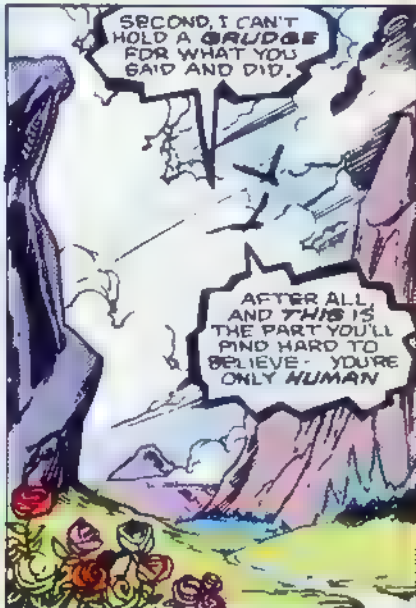
TWO REASONS

FIRST, IT'S MY SWORN DUTY AS A SPECTRAL KNIGHT.



SECOND, I CAN'T HOLD A GRUDGE FOR WHAT YOU SAID AND DID.

AFTER ALL, AND ~~THIS~~ IS THE PART YOU'LL FIND HARD TO BELIEVE-- YOU'RE ONLY HUMAN



AT THAT MOMENT, INSIDE AVITRIX VALLEY.

HA! WHAT DID I TELL YOU, CINDARR?

A SPELL CAST TO SICKEN ONLY THE HIGH-FLYERS IN THIS VALLEY LEAVES THEM WEAK AND HELPLESS AND US UNAFFECTED

IN AN HOUR, THEY'LL BE DEAD, AND WE'LL HAVE THE TAL'SMAN!







THERE'S AN OLD SAYING THAT APPLIES HERE, DARKLING LORD.

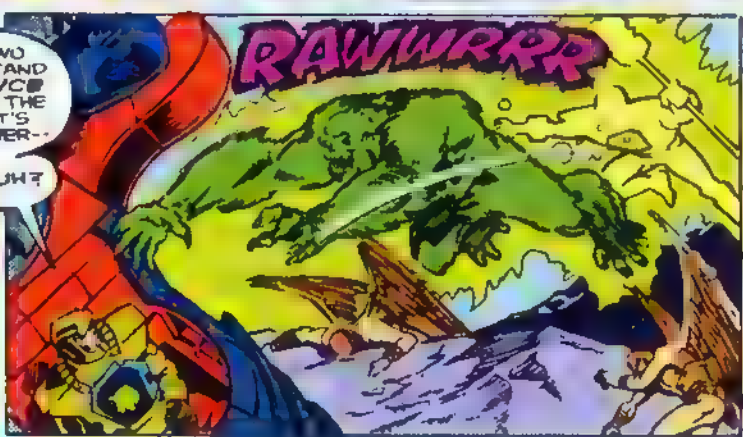
HUH?



MIGHT AS WELL CALL IT A DRAW, CINDARR

YOU TWO DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THE CHARIOT'S FIREPOWER--

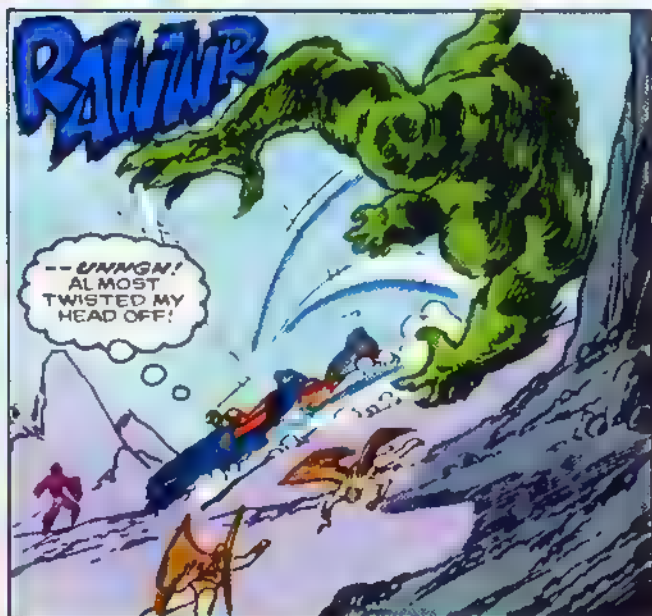
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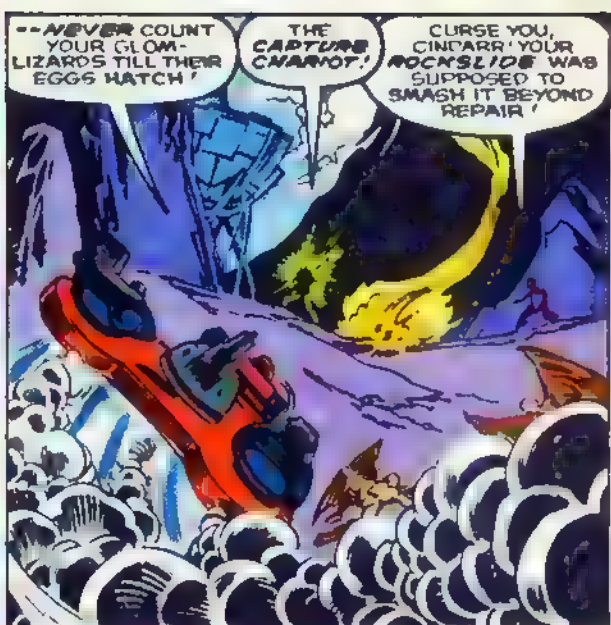
NOW WHO'S COUNTING HIS GLOM-LIZARDS, KNIGHT?

CINDARR'S PERSONA-- GOTTA THROW HIM OFF BEFORE HE GETS A GRIP.

SPIN THE CHARIOT--



--UNNGH! ALMOST TWISTED MY HEAD OFF!

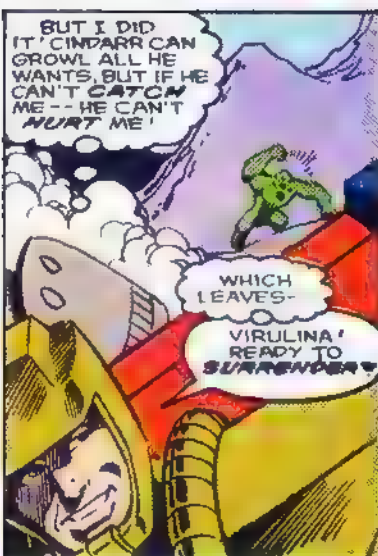


--NEVER COUNT YOUR GLOM-LIZARDS TILL THEIR EGGS HATCH!

THE CAPTURE CHARIOT!

CURSE YOU, CINDARR! YOUR ROCKSLIDE WAS SUPPOSED TO SMASH IT BEYOND REPAIR!





BUT I DID IT 'CINDARR CAN GROWL ALL HE WANTS, BUT IF HE CAN'T CATCH ME-- HE CAN'T HURT ME!

WHICH LEAVES--

VIRULINA! READY TO SURRENDER?

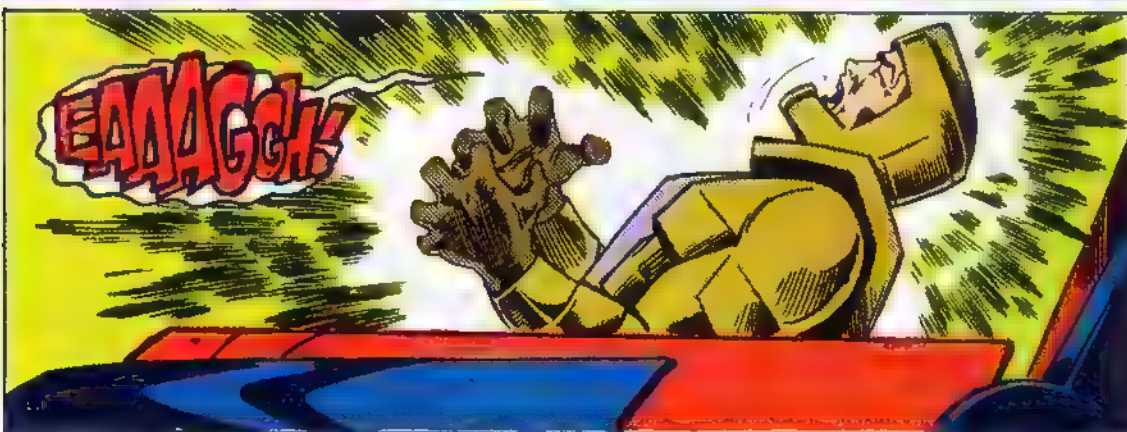


GET SERIOUS

"WINDS OF SICKNESS, ILLNESS MOST VILE--"



"-- STRIKE DOWN MY ENEMY, WITH DISEASE REVILE"



SINCE THE DAY THE KNIGHTS AND LORDS RECEIVED THEIR POWERS, I WAS TREATED LIKE SOME KIND OF APPENDAGE--

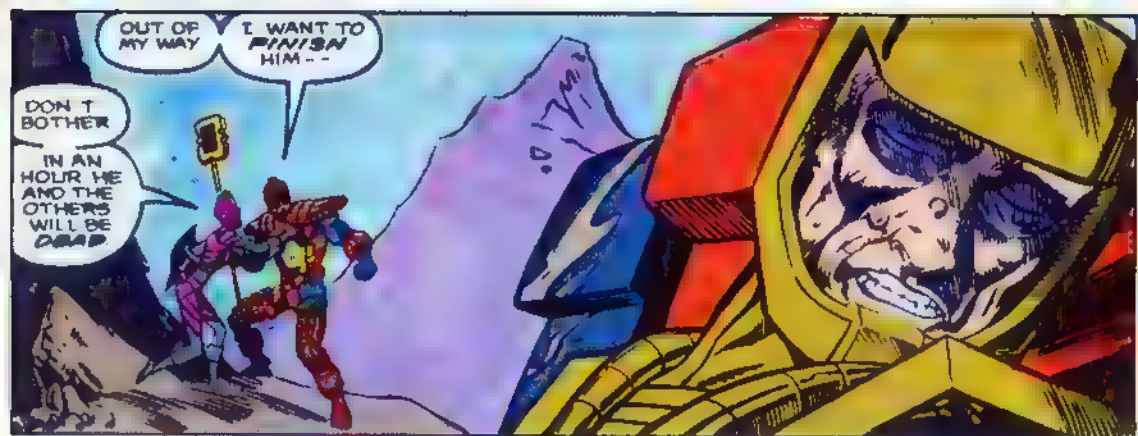


-- BEAUTIFUL, BUT USELESS, BECAUSE MERKLYN GAVE ME NO MYSTIC ABILITY

EVERYTHING'S DIFFERENT, NOW.

SOON ALL MEN WILL FEAR VIRULINA...









ICARA! YOU CAN'T COLLAPSE NOW!

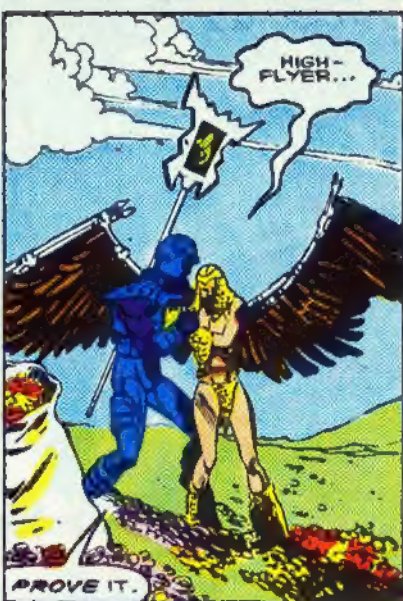
I NEED YOU TO CARRY THE BLOSSOMS BACK TO THE VALLEY!

TOO WEAK...



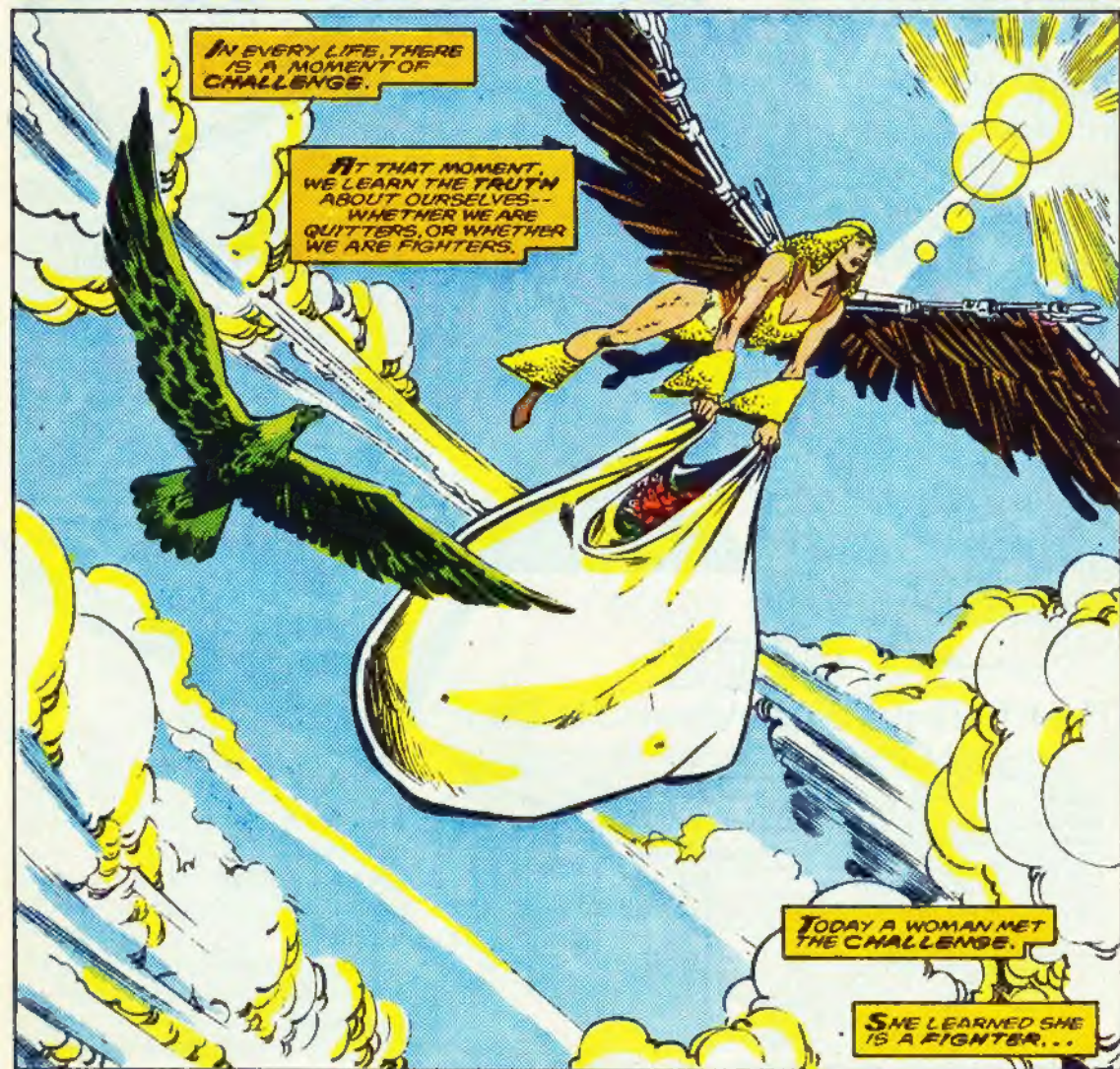
IF YOU DON'T HELP, YOUR PEOPLE WILL DIE! IT'S UP TO YOU!

ARE YOU A HIGH-FLYER-- OR MID-CRAWLER?



HIGH-FLYER...

PROVE IT.



IN EVERY LIFE, THERE IS A MOMENT OF CHALLENGE.

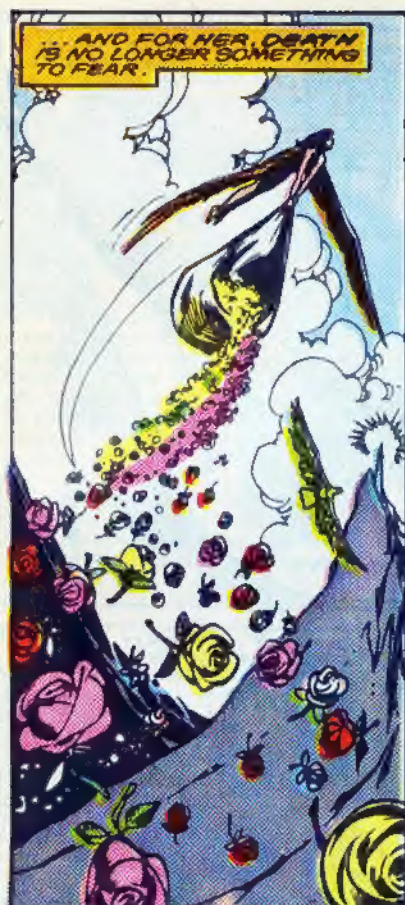
AT THAT MOMENT, WE LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES-- WHETHER WE ARE QUITTERS, OR WHETHER WE ARE FIGHTERS.

TODAY A WOMAN MET THE CHALLENGE.

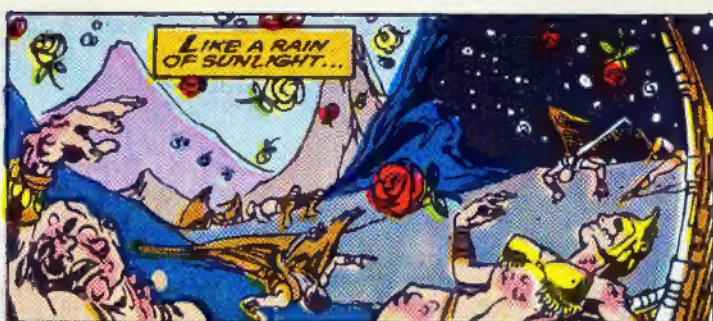
SHE LEARNED SHE IS A FIGHTER...



...AND FOR HER, DEATH  
IS NO LONGER SOMETHING  
TO FEAR.



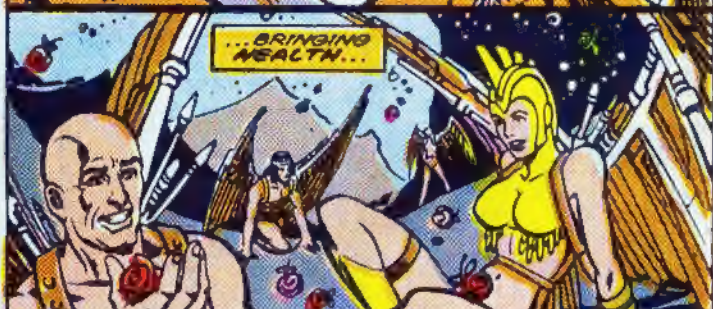
LIKE A RAIN  
OF SUNLIGHT...



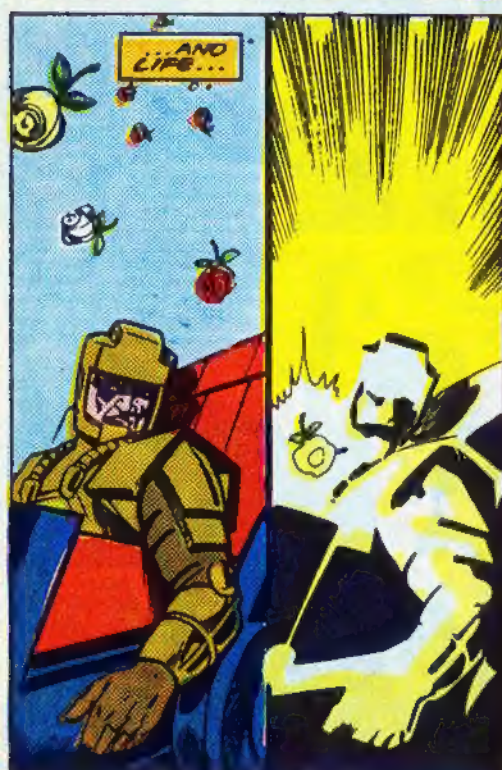
...FLOWERS FALL  
FROM THE SKY...



...BRINGING  
WEALTH...



...AND  
LIFE...



MOONS OF  
PRYSMOS!



WE WERE SO  
CLOSE!

IF NOT FOR YOUR  
INCOMPETENCE  
WE'D HAVE WON.

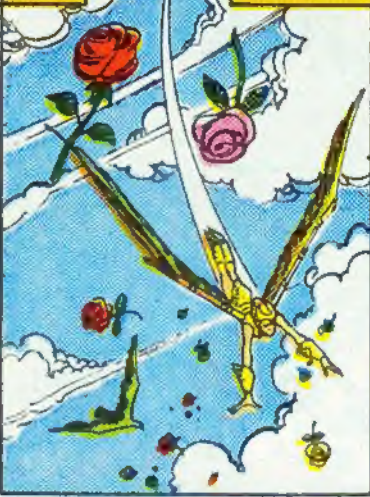


MY  
INCOMPETENCE?

WHY  
YOU--



A RAIN OF  
SUNLIGHT,  
FLOWERS  
FROM THE  
SKY.



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER  
LIFE, ICARA KNOWS WHAT IT  
MEANS TO STRUGGLE AND  
SURVIVE.



TODAY SHE IS A "CHOSEN ONE"  
NOT BY LUCK OR PROVIDENCE,  
BUT BY HER OWN INDOMITABLE  
SPIRIT.



A FEW HOURS LATER,  
AFTER THE RECOVERED  
HIGH-FLYERS HAVE MET  
IN A SECRET CONCLAVE...



WE'VE DECIDED--  
YOU MUST TAKE  
THE CRYSTAL!

USE IT WELL,  
AND IF YOU  
CAN, BRING IT  
BACK TO US!

ARE YOU SURE?  
WITHOUT IT,  
YOUR PEOPLE  
MAY NEVER FLY  
AGAIN...

WITHOUT YOUR  
HELP, WE WOULDN'T  
EVEN BE ALIVE.

BESIDES,  
WE'VE BEEN  
ABOVE THE  
WORLD TOO  
LONG.



IT'S TIME WE  
WERE SIMPLY...  
HUMAN.

YOU KNOW, ARZON--  
BY NOW THE OTHER  
KNIGHTS AND  
LORDS WILL HAVE  
COLLECTED  
THE REMAINING  
JEWELS.

WHEN WE GET BACK  
TO IRON MOUNTAIN,  
WE'LL FINALLY LEARN  
THE TRUTH OF WHY  
MERKLYN WANTS THESE  
TALISMANS SO BADLY.

I HOPE SO,  
FERYL.

AND WHATEVER THAT  
TRUTH MAY BE, I HAVE  
A SUSPICION WE MAY  
NOT LIKE IT...



BUT THAT TRUTH  
MUST REMAIN UN-  
REVEALED, FOR,  
SADLY, DEAR  
READERS, THIS IS  
THE FINAL ISSUE  
OF  
**VISIONARIES**





# VISIONARIES™



## Letters Page

**BOB BUDIANSKY: EDITOR — DWAYNE MCDUFFIE: ASSISTANT EDITOR**  
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**ATTENTION CORRESPONDENTS: IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR FULL ADDRESS PRINTED, PLEASE BE SURE TO TELL US SO!**

Dear Bob, Jim, Mark and Romeo,

I was reading VISIONARIES #4 (which was great), when I came across something interesting on the letters page. In one of your replies to a reader, you wrote "... let us know what's good, bad and why!" Well, I'm writing to give you a few of my ideas and suggestions on what I'd like to see more of in the VISIONARIES. I'd love to see more of Loxor, Cryotek and the battle crafts. I'd also like to see a new "bad guy" in VISIONARIES. Why? Because the Darkling Lords always lose (not that I want them to win all the time, of course!). I just wanted to give you a few ideas.

Lloyd Richard  
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Thanks for writing in to let us know what you think, Lloyd. We do value our readers' opinions.

Dear VISIONARIES,

Bravo! Finally a quality children's comic book that's not just for children! Everything about the VISIONARIES looks great to me, from the art and writing down to the letters (O.K., so I don't know a whole lot about lettering ... I know what I can read, though!). It's also a refreshing change from the super hero/mutant books I usually read. Nothing wrong with Mutant Menia, but I like to add in a bit of Knight Life. I do have a complaint, though ... why is this book bi-monthly? I hate waiting for my VISIONARIES. I've bought all the issues with great vehemence.

I've liked all the issues so far, but issue #4 was unquestionably the best. The story went more deeply into the personalities of Cindar and Witterquick, using their totems, which was quite interesting. It was much more than the old-fashioned "good-guys-fight-bad-guys-and-win" format that I expected. In the end, when Cindar teamed up with Witterquick to defeat Sirena, it showed that the Darkling Lords aren't all bad, and have feelings, too. All in all, VISIONARIES #4 was the best issue so far. I am expecting great things from VISIONARIES!

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So, tell me, Tad, do you like VISIONARIES? But seriously, enthusiasm like yours is what makes Marvel's fans so great, and our jobs easier. Thanks. One more thing ... how do you read with great vehemence? Does it involve ripping pages, or is this a measure of story intensity?

Dear Holo-Grams (or whatever you're calling yourselves),

I just read VISIONARIES #4. It was smashing! I think you should make other warlords like Kalor attack the Visionaries, because we get to learn more about the Visionaries and their world when this happens. It also makes them seem more real. Also, put Merklyn back in action! Don't just have him standing around eating pizza, because it seems kinda dumb to have this really powerful magician who sits around all day.

Devin Low  
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Devin, are you sure they even have pizza on Prysmos? Doesn't seem like quite the dish Merklyn would choose, at any rate! You can be sure he doesn't just sit around, but as for what he does do ... well, that would be telling, now!

Dear Marvel,

Hasbro and Marvel have done it again! Not since the incredibly popular G.I. JOE have I seen a concept as interesting and enjoyable as this. VISIONARIES is fascinating fare. I only wish it were part of the Marvel Universe, so that we could see some cross-overs with Marvel super heroes. Anyway, this is one book that's not just kid-oriented. I'm twenty-seven, and I love VISIONARIES!

Jim Salicrup has taken the VISIONARIES concept and produced one of the most interesting fantasy-based series I have read in a long time. The artwork is superb as well, and the characterization is excellent and very well defined.

I would like to add a plug for the weekend VISIONARIES television series, which is produced by Marvel Productions. The show is just as good as the comic, so I know you'll love it! Besides, with Stan (the Man) Lee in charge of Marvel Productions, you know it's gotta be good. Thank you, Marvel, for VISIONARIES. Long may it prosper!

Thomas Wheeler  
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Gee, Thomas, you and Tad ought to get together and form a fan club. Talk about loyal readers!

Dear VISIONARIES,

I recently started to collect VISIONARIES. Hey, it is great. Well, excellent! Hey, Mark, nice penciling, Julianna, nice coloring, and my compliments to the others of the VISIONARIES crew. I was really fascinated with this new comic. I first saw it on a TV commercial, and could hardly wait for it to come out. I checked at the comics store, and rushed to buy my copy of issue #1.

The VISIONARIES issue that I enjoyed most, other than issue #1, was issue #3 —

"The Star Stone." Other than the lo-o-o-oong wait for it, it was perfect. Well, nearly. On page #9, Arzon said that he'd never tried his staff's magic power of knowledge, but he had, in issue #2. Am I not right?

Keep up the good work, dudes! I look forward to the upcoming issues!

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Arzon didn't mean that he had never used his staff of knowledge, Berry. He had not thought to use it on the scroll he was trying to read, until Merklyn reminded him of his power. You've been reading too much GROO, which is probably why you're confused. Am I not wrong?

Dear VISIONARIES,

I started reading VISIONARIES to my young son when the series first began. I found it on the rack at my favorite comic shop, and it seemed like the kind of story Justin would like. He's really not ready for my favorites like IRON MAN and DAREDEVIL, but with VISIONARIES I can introduce him to comics. It also keeps him from ripping up my collection.

The funny thing is, I've started to like VISIONARIES for myself, as well. I wait eagerly to see what the Knights of Prysmos will be doing in each issue. Justin and I even play games about the Knights, but he's always a Spectral Knight and I have to be the Darkling Lords. Oh, well. Anyway, thanks for a great comic that keeps Justin busy and happy, and entertains me, too.

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Sounds like a good arrangement to us, Allyson. We're always glad to hear that Marvel comics are enjoyed by our younger readers ... and by their mothers, too!

**(BAD) NEWSFLASH!** As we, the editors and creators of VISIONARIES, were preparing to send this issue to press, we were suddenly informed by the powers-that-be (who, no doubt, are controlled by the Darkling Lords), that this would be the final issue of VISIONARIES. Your surprise and sadness can hardly be more than our own over this development. So, allow us to take this final opportunity to thank you, our loyal readers, for your support and enthusiasm and to assure you that somewhere, somewhen, the Spectral Knights continue their valiant struggle to defeat the evil Darkling Lords and bring a new age of peace, love and harmony to planet Prysmos!